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TESTIMONY BY RODERICK K. BECKER
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 137, PROPOSED S.D. 1

April 15, 2019
10:55 A.M.
Room 211

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE TO INFORM THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL
PURPOSE REVENUE BOND (PROPOSED S. D. 1)

House Concurrent Resolution No. 137, Proposed S.D. 1, requests the Department
of Budget and Finance (the "Department") to inform the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives within seven days of the issuance of special
purpose revenue bonds.

The Department will be able to provide the requested notification.

Thank you for your consideration of our comment.



To: The Senate Committee on Ways and Means
From: Brodie Lockard, Hawaii State Climate Lead, Organizing for Action
Date: Monday, April 15, 2019, 10:55 am

Opposing HCR 137

Dear WAM Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members—

Organizing for Action opposes HCR 137.

Though we recognize the value of a glass and solar panel recycling plant, a fee on each solar panel sold is **not** the way to fund such a plant.

Hawaii and the planet are in a climate crisis, heading directly toward climate catastrophe. Last year's IPCC and NCA reports made it crystal clear that we need "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" to avoid disastrous levels of global warming.

The reports say that reaching the crucial threshold of 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels—by as early as 2030—will precipitate the risk of extreme drought, wildfires, floods and food shortages for hundreds of millions of people.

This is not the time to be adding fees to solar panels, for **any** purpose. We need to be incentivizing zero-emission energy in every way we can think of.

Please defer this short-sighted resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Brodie Lockard
Hawaii State Climate Lead, Organizing for Action